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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA TO SUE OIL COMPANIES

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1. GRZ ATTORNEY GENERAL MAINZA CHONA HAS RETURNED FROM LONDON SAYING HE HAD "EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING" DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH POLITICIANS AND LAWYERS CONCERNING ZAMBIA S PLANS TO SUE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES FOR VIOLATING RHODESIA OIL SANCTIONS. CHONA SAID HE MET WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, DEP. FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMEN FOR COSERVATIVES PETER TAPSELL AND MR. EDWARD DUCANN, CHAIRMAN OF CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS.

2. CHONA SAID THE DISCUSSIONS "STRENGTHENED OUR FEELING THAT WE HAVE A GOOD CASE" AND THAT INTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS WOULD NOW TAKE PLACE AS ZAMBIA PROCEEDS TO SUE THE OIL COMPANIES. CHONA STATED THE LEGAL ACTION WAS NOT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE BRITISH BUT RATHER IT WAS COMPLIMENTARY TO FREEDOM FIGHTER AND BRITISH EFFORTS TO BRING DOWN THE SMITH GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HAROLD WILSON WAS RIGHT IN 1965 WHEN HE SAID THE SMITH REGIME WOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN IN A MATTER OF WEEKS IF OIL SANCTIONS WERE EFFECTIVELY APPLIED AND THE SAME IS TRUE TODAY.

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3. PRESS REPORTS OF CHONA S REMARKS MADE NO MENTION OF ANY MEETING WITH LONRHO OFFICIALS BUT DID MENTION THAT CHONA HAD RETURNED WITH "ADDITIONAL VALUABLE INFORMATION" CONCERN-
ING THE CASE.
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